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LOCAL NEWS.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE

We are authorized to announce JOHN W. SKELTON as a candidate to represent Crittenden and Livingston counties in the next general assembly of Kentucky. He is subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce T. FLANARY as a candidate to represent Crittenden and Livingston counties in the next General Assembly of Kentucky, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce DR. J. N. TODD, a candidate to represent Crittenden and Livingston counties in the next General Assembly of Kentucky, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce MR. T. J. YEATS as a candidate to represent Crittenden and Livingston counties in the next General Assembly of Kentucky. He is subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce M. CLEMENT as a candidate to represent Crittenden and Livingston counties in the next General Assembly of Kentucky, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR THE SENATE.

We are authorized to announce S. O. NUNN as a candidate for the State Senate in the district composed of the counties of Crittenden, Caldwell and Webster, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce P. C. STEPHENS as a candidate for the State Senate in the Fourth Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Caldwell, Crittenden and Webster, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

Business grows dull. The farmers are "in it." No town election until November. B. S. Fenwick has gone to house-keeping.

The late gardner is now getting in his work. Quarterly meeting at Hurricane Saturday week.

The farmers are buying lots of reapers and mowers. Born to the wife of Lem Clark, May 23, a boy.

Norvel Pierce has withdrawn his application for the post-office. See the bargains on our 5 and 10 cent counter.—Pierce & Son.

Twenty-five young teachers are attending the normal this week. Skelton will sell you first class sisal binder twine at 10 cents per pound.

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Buy Mowers, Rakes and Binders from Pierce & Son they sell the best. T. C. Guess has purchased the handsome Pickens residence on College street.

Geo. M. Cridler is building a large warehouse in the rear of his new business house. N. W. Jones will build a neat cottage residence on depot street, east Marion this fall.

Pierce & Son will build a residence for J. T. S. M. Jenkins has notified the public that he will apply to the county court for license to sell liquor.

Sheriff Franks brought Jas. Mott out of jail Monday. He came up town to purchase a new suit of clothes. Buggies, Phaetons, Spring Wagons, Carts and Harness, Cheap at Pierce & Son.

Geo. P. Henry has sold out his drug business at Sturgis and will travel a while for his health, says the terpse. All kinds of goods furnished Crittenden Springs, Ky., by counterfeigned S. Smith, manager, and sold to me on the 1st and 15th of month. S. M. Jenkins, Henderson, Ky.

All line of walking and riding boots, very cheap at Pierce & Son.

Miss Cora Hill, daughter of Mr. Spillman Hill, died Sunday, after several weeks illness.

Princeton went "wet" Saturday, and already a four-legged turkey is reported in that section.

Refrigerators, Water Coolers, Ice Cream Freezers, Hammocks, Lawn Mowers, etc., at Pierce & Son.

Mr. Duke Hill went to Metropolis, Ill., yesterday to engage in a bicycle race for the championship of the state.

Mr. G. W. Hilliard, of Enon, Caldwell county, was before the board of pension examiners Wednesday.

Mr. A. B. Wicker and Wm. Tisdale the two fat men of the Dyersburg neighborhood, were in town this week.

In Christian county A. B. Rushing, struck Geo. Robb, colored, on the head with a brick bat, and Robb is dead.

Wheat is coming out beautifully and the indications are that Crittenden will have a fine crop of this great cereal.

Our old friend S. B. Perkins is as gaily as a two-year-old. He has a fine bounding two-day-old baby boy reeking in his knee.

Rev. E. B. Blackburn will preach at Post Oak on the 4th Sunday at 3 p. m., and on the Saturday preceding at the same hour.

The funeral of the late Henry Walker will be held by Rev. S. K. Breeding at Hillsdale the 5th Sunday in July.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give an ice cream and strawberry supper to-night at the late residence of Mrs. Dell Wilson.

Rev. W. R. Gibbs, of Harold, was in to see us Monday. He was delighted with his Nashville trip and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. Isaac Luley, of Salem, was in town Monday. The representative bee is gently buzzing in his bonnet. It is a third party bee, with an independent stripe down its neck.

Thos. Brown, colored, has filed suit in the quarterly court to collect \$24, alleged to be due him for work, from Wright, and against Haywood Coffield for \$42 due for work.

Will Taylor, col., who is doing something like his twelfth term in the county jail, professed religion a few days ago, and says after his present term, he will retire from public life.

Under the new town charter, every citizen must pay for his own curbing. No waiting for the Board of Trustees to put in curbing before you build a sidewalk. When the board says build, you must build.

At the meeting of the Southern Kentucky Medical Association last week, our fellow townsman, Dr. S. D. Swope was elected Vice-President of the Association. A deserving complement to a deserving man.

W. L. Traylor, at one time a citizen of this county, killed himself at Edmonston, Ky., by taking morphine. Several years ago he was a stock-buyer in this county. He left the county owing a number of persons, and is still owing them.

Last week Milton Woodside and William Harnes, two neighbors, exchanged compliments by each having a warrant issued for the other charging him with a breach of the peace. The cases will be tried at the July term of Quarterly Court.

Under the new law Marion could take a vote on the liquor question. What the result would be, can not be told. About the only thing that can be said without fear of successful contradiction, is that a man need not die of a snakebite, if getting a drink of liquor in Marion will save him.

If you farmers have a fat calf, sheep, poultry or vegetables for sale call on Johnston at his butcher shop in Long's new building, south of court square, who will treat you nice and give you good prices. He also wants all your butter.

Johnston has just had his ice box lined through and through with zinc. So he can handle all kinds of fresh meats and vegetables and keep them fresh and cold. The people of Marion when they want good meat always go to Johnston's butcher shop. They say his ice box is the best that Marion has ever had.

Ex-Sheriff Cruce presented his delinquent tax list to the County Judge Monday for final adjustment. The list embraces 457 tax payers. Of this number 176 have moved out of the county since the assessments. Forty five of the delinquents are colored.

The list usually ranges from 450 to 600. There is some talk of having the list published in both local papers. If such a thing were done, the public would be surprised to find some names on the list of those who do not pay their taxes and are proof against the sheriff's levy. There is no question but that the publication of the list one year would find it materially diminished in number the next. There are men on the list who should be excused from paying taxes; they are men who have met with misfortunes, have no means, are broken down in health and have helpless families depending upon them. Such should be excused.

There is not much excuse however for hale, hearty fellows, failing or refusing to help bear a small portion of the necessary county expenses. Hereafter the poll tax will not exceed \$1.50 as the property holder must pay on his property as well as his head to assist in county matters, the usually large list of delinquent poll tax payers should be diminished.

Mrs. Margaret Hill, widow of John Hill, died at her home two miles south of Marion Monday afternoon, May 22, after an illness of several months.

Rev. Thompson, of Kuttawa, conducted the funeral services and the remains were placed to rest in the Chapel Hill cemetery Tuesday. Mrs. Hill was a Christian lady and having lived out the fullness of years departed in peace. For many years, she has been a citizen of the neighborhood in which she died, and had many friends. She reared a family of boys who are excellent citizens and promising young men.

Mr. M. C. O'Hara and wife, of the View neighborhood, were in town yesterday behind a pair of as pretty ponies as one ever sees in this country. Mr. O'Hara has not been a citizen of this county long, but he is proving to be a mighty good one.

Messrs. H. E. Rice and A. E. Ambrose, Kelsey's crack bicyclists, made the round trip to Crittenden Springs Sunday. The entire day was not consumed in traveling either; the boys spent twenty minutes at Marion for dinner.

Mr. F. M. Gleun drove into town yesterday behind his span of handsome black roadsters. During the night one of the fine horses sickened and died, despite the effort and skill of Dr. John Parr to the contrary.

While Crittenden Springs has applied for liquor licenses, an open saloon will not be kept. Only a wine room for the benefit of the guests will be kept.

Mrs. Alice Moon and Mrs. Thos. White will be before Judge Hearn in a few days to answer a charge of breaking the peace.

An effort is being made to have a post-office established at View, or more familiarly known as A. H. Cardin's. Mr. R. M. Winstead is the proposed postmaster.

B. F. James & Son have purchased a new saw mill.

Waived an Examination. Henry Garrett, colored, who in connection with the well known John Crow, was accused, some weeks, of stealing a gold watch from the O. V. work train was arrested at Henderson last week, and lodged in jail at Marion Saturday. He was brought before Judge Moore Monday, and waived an examination, and will enjoy himself in jail until the June term of Circuit Court.

Preaching. Rev. Mr. Roney, of Fulton, Ky., will preach at Caldwell Springs church Wednesday, May 31, at 11 o'clock a. m., and in the afternoon. Dinner will be served on the grounds. The Rev. Mr. Hall is unable to fill the appointment, and the Rev. Roney fills the appointment in his stead.

Wants a Divorce. Last week Mrs. Alice Moon filed suit in the Circuit Court asking a divorce from her husband, J. E. Moon. She alleges abandonment, cruel treatment and the failure of her husband to provide for her.

PERSONALS.

Mr. J. A. Davidson went to Louisville Tuesday.

Mr. R. H. Grassham, of Smithland, was in town Friday.

Mr. A. C. Moore and family were in Princeton Wednesday.

Mrs. Robert Hodges and children are visiting friends in Tennessee.

W. M. Freeman is on the streets again, after several days illness.

Mr. T. A. Rankin the popular Fort's Ferry merchant, was in town Monday.

Mr. John Lamb, of this place is visiting his brother Thos Lamb, of Savannah, Tenn.

Mr. Jarrett Gray and wife, of Lyon county were guests of Dr. J. R. Clark's family Tuesday.

Mrs. Dunn, of Mayfield, was the guest of her son, the Rev. Mr. Dunn, of this place, the first of the week.

Will Clement went to Tolu, Monday to clerk for W. L. Clement, an enterprising merchant of that place.

B. F. McEman returned from Little Rock, Sunday. Rev. J. F. Price went to visit Hot Springs before his return.

Miss Bena Hill who has been in Florida with Miss Ada Gilliam, reached Marion from Florida Saturday. She will spend some time with friends here.

Mrs. Carry Maxwell and children, Perry and Mary, left for Chicago, Monday. They go to the World's Fair and will remain long enough to see all of its glories.

Editor Press—Will you please announce that as the Quarterly meeting convenes on the first Saturday and Sunday in June, the regular day for the W. M. S., that we will hold a short session on the 3rd Sunday in June, just before regular services. We wish to give instruction to our delegates who go to Bowling Green on or before the 4th Sunday; and also we want all the dues brought in.

Norfolk Moore. County Clerk D. Woods has been appointed Commissioner to settle with Ex-Sheriff Cruce for the year 1892, and the two are now engaged in making the settlement.

County Court Orders. It was ordered that J. R. Postlethweight be released from any liability on the apprentice bond of Thos Baker said Baker having left his custody and employ without provocation.

Ordered that Lamb & Paris be allowed \$6.86 for lumber. A. S. Harl was granted licenses to sell malt liquors in Dyersburg—he having paid the \$50 license tax.

Wants Five Thousand. Charles Higgins, a colored citizen, has filed suit against Wm. Henry Clement, another brother in black, for the seduction of his daughter Mary Higgins. The petition alleges that the perjury of said Clement has deprived the said Higgins of the services of his daughter, blighted her character and brought shame upon the family, and the plaintiff, therefore wants \$5000 damage. The defendant is a great light in his church and the filing of the suit and information therein contained will doubtless cause a storm to rage around the head of the unwary William Henry.

Deeds Recorded. T. S. Neal to J. A. Guess 100 1/2 for \$1,575. R. W. Wilson to J. H. Hilliard 115 acres for \$2,500. Louisa Asher to Jas. Wittenberry interest in land for \$200. S. W. Bennett to Jas. Turpin 100 acres for \$1000. J. A. Hurst to Geo. A. McBride, 67 acres for \$400. R. C. Walker to J. F. Dodge lot for \$225. J. W. Guess to F. L. Harmon, lot for \$75. R. C. Walker to J. R. McIntire lot for \$175. A. J. Pickens to T. J. Guess house and lot for \$1,500.

NOTICE. All members of Wingate Council, No. 35, are requested to attend regular meeting in June. Saturday, June 3rd, W. D. Cannon, T. I. M.

CRITTENDEN SPRINGS.

The Well Known and Popular Watering Place Passes into New Hands.

The Beginning of What Promises To Be The Most Successful Season in Its History.

A visit to Crittenden Springs this week showed that the new manager and new proprietor mean to make the popular watering place more attractive, if possible, than ever. As is already known, this valuable property now belongs to Mr. S. M. Jenkins, of Henderson. He is a man of large means and metropolitan ideas. For years he has traveled over the South and West, and has seen much of the best hotels of the country, especially those of "some of the well-known watering places." His ambition is to make Crittenden Springs the equal, if not the superior, of any in the country. With this end in view no means will be spared.

Mr. J. S. Smith, until recently a well-known traveling man, has been engaged as manager for the season of 1893, and he is now on the grounds "putting the house in order." The magnificent hotel with one hundred rooms, is being furnished up inside and out, and the beautiful grounds are being leveled up with the skill of a landscape artist. Every convenience known to the modern hotel will add to the comfort and pleasure of those

who are so fortunate to choose Crittenden for their outing this year. There are electric bells in every room, tasty bath rooms for hot or cold, fresh or sulphur water, baths, a fine billiard hall with three superb tables, a handsome ten-pin alley, lawn-tennis ground. A splendid band has been engaged for the entire season; an admirable dancing hall is being arranged, cinque rooms are being prepared. The parlors are magnificently furnished, the bedrooms are marvels of beauty and comfort. A wine room is one of the new features. A system of water-works is being put in, and high wind mills will force the water to every floor in the building.

The culinary department of the huge establishment will be in the hands of skilled artisans, and in every appointment no pains and no means will be spared to make it reach as near perfection as possible.

The acres upon acres of woodlands with their great shade trees, merry rills, mossy banks, charming walks, lovely mountain views make the place one of the loveliest in the whole country. While the \$60,000 or \$70,000 spent, this has added to the beauty of the place,

of the new management, one realizes that an era of unsurpassed popularity has at last dawned upon the famous springs, which in ante bellum days, numbered its guests and friends by the hundreds. It is fortunate that the property has fallen into such good hands, and before many seasons, Crittenden will stand at the head of the watering places.

It will only be a matter of time when the P. M. & O. R. railroad is built, and then Mr. Jenkins has a fortune indeed, but with the energy and faith that always presages success he has gone to work to make the Springs superior to the necessity of a railroad. The natural advantages are with him, and the popularity already achieved, shows that he has practically won.

Upon the whole the future of Crittenden Springs never was brighter, and the advent of new and younger men into the enterprise, means that it will rapidly go to the front as a watering place. People who go to Crittenden this year will find every thing to their liking.

In addition to its unequalled waters, the land is rich in minerals, which fact has long ago been demonstrated. The advent of the railroad will awaken this wealth into life.

Four Legged Turkey. Princeton, Ky., May 20.—A monstrosity in the shape of a young turkey was hatched on the farm of J. W. Hollingsworth, three miles south of here yesterday. It has four well developed legs and uses them all in walking, which gives the young fowl a locomotion like unto that of a real quadruped. The legs are situated on each side of the breast bone, two on a side. The turkey is perfectly healthy and runs around with the brood.

Baptism. Copies of a sermon preached by Rev. W. H. Miles on the mode of baptism can be had at the store of Wilson & Woods, also at B. F. McEman's store, or by applying to the author.

German millet seed at Pierce & Son.

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nature has added the greatest bounty and it is mysteriously hidden in the wealth of health giving waters. The sulphur water has no superior, the hundreds who have tested it are witnesses to this fact. Then there are a half dozen of as fine chalybeate springs as there is in the country. There is indeed a mine of health and wealth in these waters, which nature has so kindly brewed for man. With all the natural advantages, it is not strange that Mr. Jenkins plus his faith to its greatness as a watering place, and is willing to spend his money making it more attractive than ever.

The road from the O. V. depot to the Springs is being put in better condition than ever before, the distance has been shortened, and the rough places in the road eliminated. The drive this season will have none of the inconveniences usually found. Mr. Jenkins has made arrangements for a prompt and efficient transfer service to and from the depot. A uniformed porter will meet every train to take charge of and check baggage and look after the comfort of guests. The good reputation of the place has been growing and spreading for the past few years, and the attendance each year has increased. Already the new management has every assurance that many people from Henderson, Owensboro, Evansville, Louisville, Paducah, Cairo and Memphis will spend the best months at Crittenden Springs; already many rooms have been engaged.

After spending a couple of hours going through the house, and over the place, and observing the handiwork

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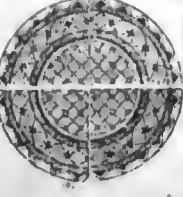


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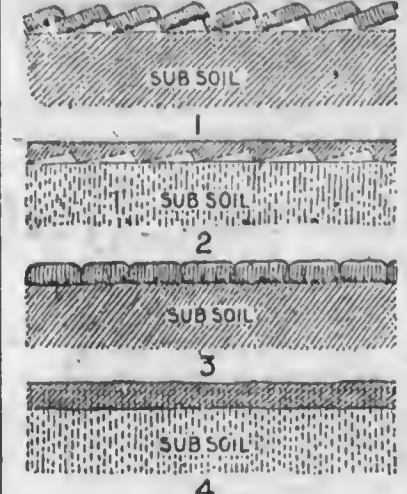
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FARM AND GARDEN

SOIL MOISTURE AND SOIL TILLAGE.

An Important Matter Made Plain With Illustrations.

Evaporation of water from the surface of tilled soil during the warm season usually takes the water away faster than the clouds supply it. Our crops must depend for their moisture on the supply of moisture stored up in the great reservoir beneath them on the rainfall during the main part of the growing season.



TILLAGE AND SOIL MOISTURE.

With a good depth of reservoir on soils with porous subsoil, and consequently with a free movement of the soil water, down in winter and up in summer, and the economical use of soil moisture by the prevention of excessive evaporation, a continuous supply of moisture can be secured to the roots even in a dry season. The upward movement of the soil water by capillary action is to be free and rapid, compact but porous soil. In freshly stirred soil the interstices are too large for such action, and here the upward movement comes to a stop. In explanation of the foregoing is here reproduced a communication from T. Grubner to Country Gentleman, in which he says:

I had a piece of tough soil, clay loam, which was to be planted to onions and potatoes. My man plowed it in his plow, as shown in Fig. 1. Owing to the heavy spring rains all our soils worked badly during the early part of the season, and it was impossible to break up and fine them. After much work with disk and smoothing harrow the man got the surface of the piece in pretty good shape, but the tough soils were not broken, and hollow spaces were left between subsoil and top soil, as shown in Fig. 2.

I have seldom seen a piece of apparently well tilled soil that was so quickly affected by dry weather as this. All during the season it became completely dried out in a few days of dry weather after every rain. The explanation is simple enough. Capillary action was largely interrupted at the surface of the soil, as may be seen in Fig. 2, and the surface soil received but little assistance from the soil water beneath. When the plowing is done, as shown in Fig. 3, and the soil is worked so that the surface soil rests closely and firmly upon the subsoil, the soil water movement is not interrupted. The moisture comes up into the surface soil, as shown in Fig. 4, and provides a continuous supply for the roots of our crops.

Evaporation at the surface, however, would pump up this moisture from below pretty fast, and during a prolonged drought perhaps exhaust the supply in the reservoir if capillary action is not interrupted a few inches below the surface by thorough pulverization of the upper crust. The fine loose soil over the compacted layer acts as a mulch. The water below can pass through this fine soil much to the surface only in the form of vapor, and evaporation under cover in the cool and moist surroundings as found on the line between the compacted layer and the pulverized soil must be very slow.



POTATO PLANT UNDER GOOD CULTIVATION.

But little evaporation takes place from the pulverized soil for the simple reason that the capillary action is interrupted and the soil water does not reach beyond the compacted part below the two or three inches of mellow soil on top. Thus the supply in the soil reservoir is drawn on more moderately and will last much longer. All this is made plain in Fig. 5, which represents a potato plant under good cultivation. The pulverized top soil is the mulch that prevents the excessive loss of soil moisture by evaporation. The little that does escape is quickly replaced from the reserves from below.

Bees and Fruit.

At the recent meeting of California beekeepers the much vexed question of bees and fruit came up for discussion. The ground was taken that bees will not puncture fruit, but will clear it up thoroughly when it is previously punctured by birds or wasps. The question of bees was also considered, and preference was for a large hive for extracted honey, while a hive with a small brood chamber was desired for comb honey.

Orchard Grass For Pasture.

Owing to its habit of starting anew as soon as cut down, almost without regard to weather or season of the year, if the ground is not frozen, orchard grass makes an excellent pasture when thickly seeded, giving feed both early and late in the season. It will bear continuous feeding better than almost any other blue grass, but it has one fault; if not cut or fed down, the late fall growth, when heavy, is liable to fall down upon the crown of the roots and smother itself out. Those who have it should look out that there is not much left standing on the field when winter comes in. It is also easily smothered by weeds when it first comes up, and if they are plenty they should be mown down until the grass gets above them.

For pasture sow in April or May, using about 24 bushels of seed to the acre. It may be mown twice the first year if it does well, and moving one or two years would seem to make better pasture afterward than to turn the cattle on the first season. The tufts stool out more and get a better and deeper hold. It will grow upon almost any field where blue grass will, though it likes best a rich, deep soil. If not mown, the cattle should not

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